

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group 1, (claims 1, 2, 11-13, 25 and 26). Applicants have maintained the non-elected method claims in this case with the understanding that these claims can be rejoined in accordance with MPEP §8201.04(b). With regard to the species election, applicants hereby elect Na⁺ for M, which is encompassed by claim 2. As noted in the Office Action, upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, which otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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